

thereunto, causeth different effects, as to the strength it receiveth from the Stone; himself as having tryed all sorts of *Steel*, that he could possibly procure, and all the different *Temper*s he could imagine, for the most powerful receiving and retaining the vertue from the *Load Stone*; wherein he affirms to have fully satisfied himself, so that he can infuse such vertue into a piece of *Steel*, that it shall take up a piece of Iron of two *Ounces* weight or more; and give also to a *Needle*, the vertue of conforming to the *Magnetical Meridian*, without the help of a *Load-Stone*, or any thing else, that hath received vertue therefrom.

*So far this Answerer*; whom as we cannot but much commend for his diligence in searching, and frankness of communicating; so we give these particulars to the publick, that further Tryals may be made by others, for more discovery; hoping withall, that the same Inquisitive person, that hath made these returns, will not scruple to add to them the wayes, he uses for infusing that *Magnetical* vertue into *Steel* and *Needles*, without the help of a *Load-Stone*, spoken of in the end of this his *Answer*.

*Extract of a Letter, Written from Paris, containing an Account of some Effects of the Transfusion of Blood; and of two Monstrous Births, &c.*

I was present, when *M. Gayant* shew'd the Transfusion of the Blood, putting that of a Young Dog into the Veins of an Old, who, two hours after, did leap and frisk; whereas he was almost blind with age, and could hardly stirr before.

In the House of *M. Bourdelots* was shew'd a Monster in form of an Ape, having all over its shoulders, almost to his middle, a mass of flesh, that came from the hinder part of its head, and hung down in form of a little Cloak. The report is, that the Woman that brought it forth, had seen on a Stage an Ape so cloathed: The most remarkable thing was, that the said mass of flesh was divided in four parts, correspondent to the Coat, the Ape did carry. The Woman, upon inquiry, was found to have gone five months with Child, before she had met with the accident of that unhappy sight. Many questions were on this occasion agitated: *viz.* about the Power of Imagination; and whether

whether this Creature was endow'd with a humane Soul; and if not, what became of the Soul of the Embryo, that was five months old.

A little after, another Monster was produced, which was an Infant come to maturity, having instead of a Head and Brains, a Mass of flesh like any Liver; and was found to move. And this *Fetus* occasioned a Question for the *Cartesians*, how the motion could be performed, and yet the *Glandula pinealis*, or *Conarium* be wanting; nor any Nerves visible, which come from the Brain? The marrow in the *Spine* was of the same substance. It liv'd four days, and then dyed: It was anotomized by *M. Emmerez* in presence of the Assembly.

There came a Letter from *Florence*, Written by *M. Steno*, which has also somewhat perplext the followers of *Des Cartes*. A Tortoise had its head cut off, and yet was found to move its foot three days after. Here was no Communication with the *Conarium*. As this seems to have given a sore blow to the *Cartesian* Doctrine, so the Disciples thereof are here endeavouring to heal the Wound.

*An Account of two Monstrous Births, not long since produced in Devonshire; communicated by M. Colepresse.*

1. One *Robert Cloak* a Joyner (whom I know) of *Clamick* in the Parish of *Beer-Ferris* in *Devonshire*, had on *Febr. 24.* last, a Monstrous black Ram-Lamb fallen with one Head, but two distinct Bodies, with eight Legs; which Bodies were joyned in the Neck: It had two Eyes, and as many Ears, in the usual places; and one extraordinary Eye in the Niddock, with one single Ear, about an inch distant from the Eye backwards: Its Dame, which was *White*, usually brought forth two Lambs every year, as she did this year also a *White* one, which with the Ewe remains alive. But whether this Monster was produc'd dead or alive, is not known, it being found dead by the hedge, and soon after put into the Earth. There were ten *White* Ews accompanied with three *White* Rams.

2. One *John Cauce*, Servant to *Mr. William Knighton* of *Lockridge*, likewise in *Beer Ferris*; had among his Sheep, on the seventeenth of *Febr.* last, a *White* Lamb fallen on a Common in the said Parish, with two distinct heads and Necks, Joyned at the Shoulders